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IN APPLICATION OF )  
AKHTAR OSMAN ET AL ) GROUP NO: 1713  
SERIAL NO.: 09/786,408 ) EXAMINER: C. CAIXIA LU  
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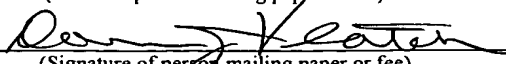
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 8, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 8, 2003. The Examiner's rejections have been carefully considered, and in view of the accompanying Request for Continuing Examination and the remarks and amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of Claims 33-64 is courteously requested.

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